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Chairman Kevin Martin
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW Room: 8-B201
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Docket Number #05-337

Dear Chairman Martin:

The Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan, Inc. (WRC) serves five rural counties in northwest Michigan, where reliable wireless service can be critical to victims of domestic violence. A cell phone can be a victim's lifeline to emergency assistance, help hotlines, and law enforcement. Unpredictable wireless service can mean the difference between life and death for that victim.

The Federal Telecommunications Act passed in 1996 created the Universal Service Fund to ensure that rural America will have the same level of service availability as urban America. The proposed cap, however, would hinder the development of new wireless infrastructure in rural areas and would result in poor coverage and dangerous dead zones. This would put victims of domestic violence, their children, their service providers and many others at an unnecessary risk. The WRC would like to strongly urge you to vote against the proposed cap on USF for wireless that is currently in front of the FCC.

Sincerely,

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